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## **Second Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows.

## In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1. Please add the following new claims:

- --21. An isolated polypeptide produced by expression of a DNA selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) the DNA of SEQ ID NO:1; and
- (b) DNA which hybridizes under stringent conditions with the DNA of SEQ ID NO:1 or its complement.
- 22. An isolated polypeptide comprising at least 30 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 23. The isolated polypeptide of claim 22, which comprises at least 50 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:2.--

